



## PRESS RELEASE AND ANNOUNCEMENT

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VENICE, Fla. — After close to 30 years, 10 of these as a volunteer, leading the Laurel Civic Association into the future and fundamentally changing the lives of thousands of residents, Sandra Terry, currently Executive Director, will transition into a new role as “Executive Director Emeritus” upon the successful recruitment of her successor.

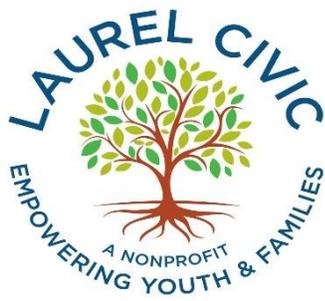
“Sandra’s influence and imprint on the Laurel/Nokomis community, and the larger Sarasota County disenfranchised population, cannot be underestimated. Through her vision, her dedication to our mission, and her resilience over the last 30 plus years, she has made lives better because she cared so deeply, and she took action” said Tish Scott-Murphy, the board chair. “We are grateful for the meaningful impact she has had on the organization’s mission and intend to continue her close association with the organization”.

This year is the 50<sup>th</sup> year celebration of the organization, and the board plans to celebrate both the golden anniversary and Sandra’s service to the community in the fall of 2019.

The Laurel Civic Association board has formed a search committee, led by the board chair, Tish Scott-Murphy. A formal Executive Director search process will begin to secure a new leader for the organization.

“As we embark on a search for a new Executive Director, our goal is to secure a leader to further propel this service oriented and compelling organization into the future,” said Scott-Murphy. “We are excited about what the future holds, and we are confident that we will find the right individual to fulfill the mission and serve our communities.”

For those candidates interested in applying for the Executive Director position, email [LaurelCivicSearch@gmail.com](mailto:LaurelCivicSearch@gmail.com). Laurie Huebner, HR Consultant, will help the Search Committee during the search. You may also find the position description posted on our website [www.laurelcivic.org](http://www.laurelcivic.org).



## About Laurel Civic Association

Close to 50 years of making life better for Laurel, the Laurel Civic Association has grown to become an active and dedicated non-profit organization making a difference in a wide range of neighborhood issues throughout Sarasota County. The cornerstone and foundation of the organization has always been to make life better for the disenfranchised. Even though we began with a small group of concerned neighbors in 1969 who's main purpose it was to bring street lighting to a little close knit and largely African-American community, time and the inherit caring for others has taught everyone that needs have no geographic boundary.

The Laurel Civic Association's community development activities have transformed a small neighborhood organization into a non-profit that has brought unimaginable changes to Laurel and succeeded in developing needed programs that serve the entire family and the entire Laurel/Nokomis area.

With the backing of more than 300 active volunteers, donations, and grants, the association has been able to provide programs designed to improve living conditions, decrease hunger, improve health and access to health information and provide educational support for children and adults. The successful programs have brought a series of neighborhood improvements that go far beyond the original goals and have been a magnet for clients from the southern-most part of Sarasota County to the northern-most part.